

Allotment of More Time to Private Producers

4836. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allot more time to private producers on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any high level committee has been constituted for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Publication of Daily, Weekly etc. from Rajasthan

4837. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered Daily, Weekly, Fortnightly and Monthly newspapers and magazines published from Rajasthan and the number of their circulation;

(b) the quantity of newsprint allotted to

these newspapers and magazines during the last three years, category-wise;

(c) the names of newspapers and magazines whose publication has been stopped after registration during the last three years and when;

(d) whether any action has also been taken against some newspapers for not following the rules;

(e) whether it has ever been examined that allotted newsprint is being properly utilised; and

(d) if so, when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) The details are given in attached Statement-I.

(b) The details are given in attached statement-II.

(c) No newspaper has sent its declaration to the Office of Registrar of Newspapers for India for suspension of its publication, during the period.

(d) No action by Central Government.

(e) and (f). Newsprint is allocated as per Newsprint Allocation Policy announced by the Government from time to time. The entitlement for a particular year is determined on the basis of performance particulars for utilisation of newsprint during the previous year, which are duly certified by a Chartered Accountant in respect of newspapers whose circulation is more than 2000 copies per publishing day.